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Mileage Tax Registrations and Installment Payments

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Money-saving plans for truck operators

Dear Friends:

As someone who has dedicated my own life to serving the public and the interests of Illinois families, let me assure you that as your new Illinois Secretary of State, I remain committed to providing friendly, efficient and timely service to the citizens of this state. That has always been my top priority, whether it was as a state representative, the Cook County recorder of deeds or the founder of the Jesse White Tumbling Team.

Whether it means cutting bureaucratic red tape, making sure our employees are friendly and courteous or in some other way going that extra mile to get the job done, keep one thing in mind: we're here to serve you.

I'm especially pleased to offer you this publication which outlines two options for truck operators to reduce the cost of operating vehicles in Illinois: MILEAGE TAX REGISTRATIONS and INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS. Briefly, these are your two options:

- Trucks, tractors and trailers traveling a limited number of miles within Illinois may qualify for mileage tax registration. Fees under this plan are about half of the regular flat weight tax registration.
- Flat weight tax, IRP and prorate registration fees for trucks, tractors and semitrailers can be paid in two installments. Deferring 50 percent of your payment for six months may help you with cash-flow problems. Also, should you provide a certificate of deposit for security, you will receive the interest.

This brochure explains these options in more detail. However, if you need more information, contact the Commercial and Farm Truck Division in Springfield at (217) 785-1810.

Through these procedures, my office can save you time and money in securing the registration that best meets your needs.

Sincerely,

Jesse White

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MILEAGE TAX REGISTRATION FEES

GROSS WEIGHT OF VEHICLE AND LOAD	INITIAL FEE REQUIRED BY LAW	MAXIMUM MILEAGE PERMITTED UNDER GUARANTEED TAX	RATE EXCESS MILEAGE	CLASS
12,000 lbs. or less	$ 68.00	5,000	.021	MD
12,001 — 16,000 lbs.	106.00	6,000	.027	MF
16,001 — 20,000 lbs.	154.00	6,000	.037	MG
20,001 — 24,000 lbs.	198.00	6,000	.050	MH
24,001 — 28,000 lbs.	262.00	7,000	.050	MJ
28,001 — 32,000 lbs.	318.00	7,000	.066	MK
32,001 — 36,000 lbs.	398.00	7,000	.079	ML
36,001 — 40,000 lbs.	502.00	7,000	.102	MN
40,001 — 45,000 lbs.	566.00	7,000	.111	MP
45,001 — 54,999 lbs.	692.00	7,000	.125	MR
55,000 — 59,500 lbs.	746.00	7,000	.142	MS
59,501 — 64,000 lbs.	798.00	7,000	.156	MT
64,001 — 73,280 lbs.	948.00	7,000	.180	MV
73,281 — 77,000 lbs.	1,072.00	7,000	.206	MX
77,001 — 80,000 lbs.	1,142.00	7,000	.220	MZ
TRAILER				
14,000 lbs. or less	70.00	5,000	.025	TM
14,001 — 20,000 lbs.	118.00	6,000	.029	TM
20,001 — 36,000 lbs.	442.00	7,000	.082	TM
36,001 — 40,000 lbs.	610.00	7,000	.120	TM

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Mileage Tax Registrations

Illinois law recognizes that some vehicles operating in-state travel a limited number of miles, and operators of applicable vehicles should be charged less in fees than those for long-distance carriers. Therefore, Illinois offers mileage tax registration.

Mileage tax registration, as opposed to flat weight tax registration, allows operators to pay reduced fees for vehicles driven a limited number of miles in Illinois.

Trucks, tractors, and trailers may qualify for the registration, but mileage tax registration is for **in-state use only**. Mileage plates are issued on a fiscal-year basis.

MILEAGE TAX FEES:

Fees are determined by the gross weight of the vehicle and number of miles driven. Operators are allowed 5,000, 6,000 or 7,000 miles depending on the weight of their vehicles and loads *(see chart)*. Operators of trucks and trailers exceeding the mileage limitations are charged additional fees based on excess mileage rates. **All** miles generated by a mileage tax registered vehicle must be reported.

SECURITY FOR EXCESS MILEAGE:

SURETY BONDS OF $500 PER VEHICLE ARE REQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE AS A GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT OF EXCESS FEES. SUCH BONDS MUST BE FROM SURETY COMPANIES APPROVED BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE. IN ADDITION, THE NAME ON THE BOND MUST BE IDENTICAL TO THE NAME ON THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION. BONDING COMPANIES MUST ATTACH TO EACH BOND A POWER OF ATTORNEY ALONG WITH ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY.

MILEAGE RECORDS:

Because of the mileage requirements, vehicles with mileage tax registration must have working odometers. Trailers are required to have hub-o-meters.

Truckers must maintain beginning and ending odometer readings for each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). These records must be maintained for a three-year period and are subject to audit. In addition, truck operators are required to maintain daily mileage records. Summaries of these records must be submitted semiannually to the Secretary of State's office.

Forms for reporting semiannual mileage are provided. These forms are mailed to applicants twice a year during December and June and must be returned respectively by January 10 and July 10.

Mileage tax registrations are subject to suspension or revocation for failure to report mileage as well as for operating vehicles with disconnected or broken odometers.

MORE ABOUT MILEAGE REGISTRATION;

Mileage tax registration is binding for the fiscal registration year. Therefore, reclassification to flat weight tax registration is not permitted during the effective year. Mileage tax license plates cannot be transferred to a vehicle which is already registered with mileage tax plates.

Mileage tax registration is available only from:

Secretary of State
COMMERCIAL & FARM TRUCK DIVISION
501 South 2nd Street
Room 300 Howlett Building
Springfield, Illinois 62756
(217) 785-1810

Installment Payments

Installments are accepted for: a) International Registration Plan (IRP) and prorate calendar year, and b) flat weight tax fiscal year. However, this payment plan applies only to trucks, tractors, and semitrailers. Trailers are not eligible. Installment payments for IRP registration apply only to the Illinois fee and not the foreign fee.

TRUCKS AND TRACTORS:

Installment payments require that 50 percent of your fee be paid at the time of registration, and the remaining 50 percent must be paid within six months after registration begins. Prorate vehicles that register on a calendar-year basis would owe the second installment by July 1 of the registration year, and IRP vehicles would owe the second installment by Oct. 1. Fiscal vehicles, such as trucks and tractors with flat weight registrations, would pay their second installment by Jan. 1, which is six months into the fiscal year.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS:

Securities are required for all second installments and must be surrendered to the Secretary of State's office at the time of registration. They may be in the form of surety bonds or single maturity certificates of deposit.

If a bond is used, it must be issued by a surety company approved by the Illinois Department of Insurance.

A single maturity certificate of deposit, payable to the Secretary of State, can be issued by any authorized Illinois banking institution. However, a certificate's maturity date must not exceed the due date of the second installment. Any excess amount above the required fees, including accrued interest from certificates of deposit, are returned to the owner.

Installment participants are liable for the entire second installment even if their trucking operations cease during the effective year.

Truck operators may arrange for installment payments at:

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COMMERCIAL & FARM TRUCK DIVISION
501 South 2nd
Room 300 Howlett Building
Springfield, Illinois 62756
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